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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Fred Joseph Snodgrass of Virden, a proud Doorman for the Illinois Senate, who passed away on April 15, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on May 29, 1925 to Fred Wayne and Stella Kalaher Snodgrass; he married Phyllis May Fitzpatrick on August 23, 1948 and together they raised 3 children; and

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WHEREAS, He was a United States Navy Veteran serving in World War II in the Pacific; he enjoyed the Veteran's Day celebrations hosted by the Carlinville School District where he was a guest speaker for his great-grandchildren's classes, telling them to all join the Navy so they would have a nice comfortable bed instead of sleeping on the cold, hard ground like you have to do in the Army; and

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WHEREAS, He worked for over 30 years for G. H. Schanbacher and Sons painting many churches and places of worship in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Indiana; he retired from painting and worked for the State of Illinois at the Jacksonville Developmental Center until his retirement; he then served as a Doorman for the Illinois Senate, where he received recognition certificates from the Illinois Senate,

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1 and where he regaled his co-workers as well as the Senators
2 with very amusing stories, most of which he made up; and

3 WHEREAS, He served on the County Board for Macoupin County
4 and was active in political circles in the area; he was an
5 active participant in his faith, serving as the Grand Knight of
6 the Virden Knights of Columbus as well as being a member of the
7 4th Degree Knights of Columbus; he participated and assisted
8 with the bingo nights as well as the charity fund drives for
9 the Knights of Columbus, enlisting his grandkids in helping
10 during the annual Tootsie Roll drives; and

11 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his
12 brothers, Francis W. Snodgrass and James Snodgrass; his
13 sisters, Loretta Ranger, Dorothy Barnes, and Marie Heien; and
14 his grandson, Fred Joseph Snodgrass III; and

15 WHEREAS, Fred Snodgrass is survived by his loving wife of
16 63 years, Phyllis; his daughters, Pam (Peter) Gebhardt and
17 Linda (Charlie) Fritz; his son, Fred J. (Barb) Snodgrass, Jr.;
18 his grandchildren, Jodi (Dennis) Jamieson, Nick (Caroline)
19 Gebhardt, E. Michael Smith, Laura (fiance, Chad Thomas)
20 Snodgrass, Steven Snodgrass, Brian Snodgrass, and Josh
21 (Jessica) Fritz; his great-grandchildren, Dalton, Kayla,
22 Shelbi, and Payton Jamieson, Kayelea-Ann Smith, Cole Gebhardt,
23 Jocelyn, Jake, and Jordayn Fritz; his sister, Eileen Banner;

1 and numerous nieces and nephews who all have stories to tell of
2 "Uncle Fred" and when he came to stay with them while traveling
3 for his job; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
6 his family, friends, and the members and staff of the Illinois
7 Senate, the passing of Fred Snodgrass; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Fred Snodgrass as a symbol of our
10 sincere sympathy.